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 STACKING CYCLING DINGHY SAILING DRAGON BOATING ICE CLIMBING JETSKIING JUDO KARATE KARTING  
 TROPES HIKING HORSE RIDING HOVERCRAFTING MOTORSPORTS MOUNTAIN BIKING MOTOR CRUISING MUSIC NARROW BOATING OFFROAD  
 SHOOTING MICROLIGHTING

It's the last newsletter for this year and firstly we'd like to thank everyone who has given their time and effort to support the Group - you all know who you are and without you whether you are an occasional helper or Leader, committee member or trustee the Group could not run successfully without your support ... Thanks.



We always do and always will need volunteers. Please start thinking about how you could support 1<sup>st</sup> Calne Scouts in 2012.

**SAINSBURY'S BAG PACK: SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER.**



It's been a good few weeks for our fundraising and we're ending the year with Christmas card deliveries around Calne, whatever the weather, as well as this Saturday's bag pack taking place in the Calne Branch of Sainsbury's.



We intend to start at 9:00am and finish at 8:00pm.

Over the past couple of weeks a list / rota has been available at each Section night for children and their parents to put their names down for a time, 1 hour or maybe more, that suits them best.

This is the one event each year where we really could do with as much support as possible, if you can make it then please do.

We're still making plans for the Centenary next year which includes the 100 year badge as well as an updated "necker", which we're hoping to fund from this event so not passing the cost of these items on to you.

**SECTION NEWS**

Being the end of the year with minds on all of the upcoming Christmas preparations we don't have any specific news for each section of the Group to share with you. All of the young people worked really well in creating the lanterns for the parade that took place a few weeks ago, it was brilliant to see that the Group continue to provide a strong turnout in the parade.

There's been some good sportsmanship seen in the district shooting competition and it was quite interesting to see how the Hall could be set up as a safe shooting range on the practice weekend.

Once a member of the group has their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday often they move from either Buzzards or Eagles to the Night Hawks Explorer Unit which has it's centre in Calne. Some of the Night Hawks also continue to support our Group as Young Leaders which is fantastic to see.

If you are interested in finding out more about what the Explorers do and the activities that they get involved in the please visit their newly updated website —> [www.nhesu.wordpress.com](http://www.nhesu.wordpress.com)

**NEWSLETTER FREQUENCY**

In the Group, we've been thinking about how we get information out to parents. The newsletter has been a topic of discussion - is the content right? Do we repeat ourselves too often?. Especially since we're also trying to keep the website up to date and of course getting Facebook up and running is a monthly addition too frequent?

It's not decided but we're thinking about a newsletter 2 times a term, what do you think? Post your views on the website through our [Guestbook](#).



...EVERYDAY ADVENTURE

## FUNDRAISING REPORT

Thanks, to all that have been involved in our last two fundraising events that have taken place since our last Executive Meeting in November we have raised **£1133.19**.

The **Christmas Market** that took place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November went very well with the 5 traders being happy, wanting to be informed about the next event and the Group's stalls being very successful. The Christmas Tree shaped biscuits being sold by the Beavers went particularly well, every single one sold perhaps this was through energetic calling out of "come and get your biscuits" from one young Beaver.

It was great that more parents were willing to donate either cakes or raffle prizes and in some cases their time. There are a few special thank-you's to be made...

- To Mr and Mrs Hopkins who not only rallied around parents for donations and created a splendid hamper but also created a festive Grotto out of the Redman Room.
- To Father Christmas for coming to the Scout Hall at Calne.
- To Joe Pearson for showing great enthusiasm in transforming in to J-Elf for the day.

The overall outcome of this event remained positive resulting in **£472.80** profit, which was £174 more than last year.

We did well at the **Lantern Parade** selling hot food. This event went well, we had a really good pitch next to the river in the "bandstand" and even when trade was brisk we continued to keep up with demand. There were a few words from the Chefs regarding how difficult it is to cook sausages from frozen (this will be addressed by thawing them earlier – perhaps pre-cooking them) and that they needed more light, anyway a really good event. The Lantern profit was **£660.39**, which was £130 more than last year.

Coming up at the start of 2012 to be planned is a Rummage Sale in February (date to be confirmed) and the Spring Fair in March.

**Please see the advertisement below - Easyfundraising really works even if you reserve your items say in Argos, Curry's or even B&Q and then go and pick them up which many of our members have been doing you can still raise funds.**

## Shopping on-line this Christmas?

Have you heard about easyfundraising yet? It's the easiest way to help raise money for 1st Calne Scouts Appeal Fund!

If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, iTunes, eBay or HMV, then we need you to sign up for free to raise money while you shop!

You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign for free and use the links on the site to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself. There's over 2,000 retailers on their site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

We've raised over **£500** with easyfundraising so far but we'd like your help to keep donations coming in.

Sign up at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/calnescouts>

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